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G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 1, 1889 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
 - Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
 - Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
 - Interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum will be allowed on deposits on their daily balances.
 - Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
 - Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
 - Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
- For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 1, 1889 754

Intimations.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

PRESIDENTS in the Colony would be materially aided in the SENATE of the COLLEGE by forwarding to the ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, the following:
(1) Glass Jars (for museum purposes).
(2) Illustrated Papers and Books for the Student's Reading Room and Library.
Address to
JAMES GANTLIE,
Hon. Sec. to the College.
Hongkong, August 7, 1888. 1517

A RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN FORMOSA.—By Mr. G. TAYLOR.
This Article, which has been reprinted from the China Review, contains one of the best Sketches of Formosa Life yet written. A few roughly-sketched Woodcuts are included in the pamphlet.
May be had—Price, \$1—at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Limited, Hongkong; also, Mr. N. MOORE, Amoy.
Hongkong, March 8, 1888. 363

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A GENTLEMAN'S SCARF PIN.
Apply to
Capt. COLLINSON,
Wellington Barracks.
Hongkong, January 19, 1889. 107

NOTICE.

THE Fiftieth Annual MEETING of the MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN CHINA will be held in CANTON, at the House of Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., on the 23rd of JANUARY, at 2 o'clock p.m.
J. M. SWAN,
Secretary.
Canton, January 18, 1889. 111

NOTICE.

A Regular CONVOCAION of the CHARTERED CHURCH will be held in the FREEMASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, on FRIDAY NEXT, the 25th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited.
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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, January 12, 1889. 59

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VICTORIA EXCHANGE, January 21, 1889. 67

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Hongkong, January 14, 1889 69

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The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.
Continental languages are spoken.
Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, September 10, 1888. 1612

Intimations.

MASONIC BALL—1889.

A MASONIC BALL, under the auspices of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, will be held at the CITY HALL on FRIDAY, the 15th February. BRETHREN wishing to subscribe, but who may not belong to a lodge in this District, are hereby informed that Letters have been placed for their convenience at—
THE HONGKONG CLUB,
CLUB CHAMBER,
THE OFFICE OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL,
THE OFFICE OF THE VICTORIA HOTEL,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
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PALMER & Co.,
CHAS. GAUFF & Co.
The Subscription is limited to \$10 for Masters, and \$5 for each GUEST INVITED (Non-Masons).
ALF. WOOLLEY,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 17, 1889. 162

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THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY LTD.
Hongkong, January 19, 1889. 108

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Arratoon Apoor having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWNS COMPANY'S Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 22nd Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Consignees are hereby informed, that all Claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 22nd Instant.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship Aglaia, Capt. CHRISTIANSEN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day, the 16th Instant.
Any Cargo impeding their discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Kowloon-Penang and Godown Co. and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd Inst. will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd Instant, at 4 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
SIRMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 16, 1889. 85

STEAMSHIP A.V.A.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London or S.S. Guadiana, from Antwerp or S.S. Provence, from Havre or S.S. Tancarville, and from Bordeaux or S.S. Congo, in connection with the above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns at Bowrington, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 1 p.m. To-day (Friday), requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
Goods remaining undelivered after Friday, the 25th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at one cent per packet per diem.
All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 25th Instant, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 18, 1889. 104

INSURANCES.
THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION, INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER BY His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 19, 1888. 1760

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NORTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 18, 1887. 1340

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.
GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

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Notice of Firm.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

MR. G. E. NOBLE has been Appointed CHIEF MANAGER of the BANK from the 1st January, 1889.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 31, 1888. 2221

Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, PATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, DUNKIRK AND ANTWERP.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 23rd January, 1889, at Noon,

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship *GALLIC* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 26th Inst., at 1 p.m. Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

First-class fares granted as follows:— To San Francisco ... \$200.00 To San Francisco and return ... 350.00 To Liverpool ... 325.00 To London ... 330.00

To other European ports at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers by this Line have the option of proceeding overland by the Northern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers who have paid all fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This discount does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, PORT SAID, MALTA, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSTIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIAL LOW FARES AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *BENGAL*, Captain W. BARNETT, with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this office for LONDON, via BOMBAY AND SUEZ CANAL, on WEDNESDAY, 30th January, at Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuable for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo, Penang and General Cargo for London will be conveyed direct to Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT AND PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bill of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

Intimations.

WINTER TIME TABLE. THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM-LAUNCH MORNING STAR RUNS DAILY as a FERRY BOAT between Polder's Wharf and Tsim-Tai-Tai at the following hours:—This Time Table will take effect from the 12th DECEMBER, 1888.

LEAVES KOWLOON.	LEAVES HONGKONG.
6.00 A.M.	6.15 A.M.
6.40 "	7.00 "
7.30 "	7.45 "
8.00 "	8.15 "
8.50 "	9.00 "
9.30 "	9.40 "
10.00 "	10.15 "
10.40 "	10.50 P.M.
12.30 P.M.	1.00 "
1.30 "	2.00 "
2.15 "	3.00 "
3.15 "	4.00 "
4.15 "	5.10 "
5.30 "	5.45 "
6.15 "	6.30 "
6.45 "	7.00 "
7.15 "	8.30 "
9.00 "	9.30 "
10.00 "	10.30 "
12.00 "	

* There will be no Launch on Monday and Friday, on account of sailing.

The above Time Table will be strictly adhered to, except under unavoidable circumstances. In case of stress of weather, the service will be given of any stoppage.

The Overland China Mail.

IS PUBLISHED to suit the Departure of each EXPRESS and FRENCH MAIL Steamer for Europe. Formerly the Mail issue was published fortnightly, but as it was deemed of special importance that a weekly paper should be prepared, a weekly issue of the paper is now published.

The *Overland China Mail* is a weekly paper, published on the day of departure of the steamer for Europe, and contains special Commercial Intelligence, special rates of Shipping, and other information. The various Reports of Consuls and Merchants, and all other news, are given in the paper as they appear in the Daily Press.

The attention of Advertisers is directed to a weekly newspaper, which is circulated among all China Trade and others, both at home and in the Far East, who do not take the Daily Press.

The *Overland China Mail* will be regularly printed from the China Mail Office at subscription, on their addresses being forwarded to us.

SUBSCRIPTION: Per Annum, \$12.00, postage, \$1.00. Quarter, \$3.00, " 0.25. Single Copy, 0.30. China Mail Office, Hongkong.

SAILOR'S HOME. ANY CASES OF CLOTHING, BOOKS, OR PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point. Hongkong, 10th Dec 1888.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers, over four ounces in weight are charged as follows:—For each ounce, one cent; but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything otherwise be inserted except books and Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as are written by hand, do not bear the character of actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied annals, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written matter, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of a Registered Article for a Union Country may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers for Foreign Post Offices is 1 lb. Pattern for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union. The Union may be taken to comprise all civilized countries except the Australasian and Cape Colonies.

Postage to Union Countries. General Rates, by any route:—Letters, 10 cents per oz. Post Cards, 3 cents each. Newspapers, 10 cents. Books and Patterns, 2 cents each.

Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz. There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries. Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Ceylon, Letters, 10 cents; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2 cents each; Books and Patterns, 2 cents per 2 oz.

S. African Colonies:—Letters, 30; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5 per 2 oz.

LOCAL POSTAGE. General Local Rates for Hongkong, Macao, China, Japan, Siam direct (d), Cebu-China, Tonquin, and the Philippines:—Letters per oz., 5 cents (s). Post Cards, each, 1 cent. Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents. Newspapers and Prices Current, each, 2 cents. Registration, 5 cents.

(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents. (e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 3 cents.

Local Delivery. 1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mail.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if it is wished that effect be expressed by the number, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Borholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in

Hongkong, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Borholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unsealed Letters containing Bank Notes, Coins, or Jewellery, and where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such letters.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom. Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight are received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China, for transmission to the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet via Gibraltar. No parcel is sent with the Overland Mail via Brindisi. Parcels therefore arrive in London about eight days later than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 5 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 25 cents per lb., and 20 cents each succeeding lb. or fraction of a lb., which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs dues. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 1 foot in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free of all Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled up. The only articles, actually sent from China, which are liable to duty are Tea, Tobacco, and Gold and Silver plate. Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as fruit, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$250. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inland parcels, addressees are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb. or fraction of a lb., and is paid by the sender, and the Parcels are sent out via Gibraltar.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article. The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for more damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handkerchiefs, bond books, &c., which reach their destination although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Missed or Delayed Correspondence. When correspondence has been misdirected or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the envelope, in the left-hand corner, the name of the sender, or the address to which it should be sent, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This should be done on the first time of opportunity, and it is a mistake to suppose that correspondence sent to the wrong address, or to the wrong person, is lost. It is a mistake to suppose that correspondence sent to the wrong address, or to the wrong person, is lost. It is a mistake to suppose that correspondence sent to the wrong address, or to the wrong person, is lost.

1. Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, Patterns, Tickets, Almanacs, &c., for addresses in Hongkong or the Ports of China, in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight may be sent to the Post Office unsealed, the postage at the rate of one cent each, being paid in cash or charged to the sender's account.

2. Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps as herebefore.

3. Circulars, &c., must not exceed 2 ounces each in weight. Patterns, Almanacs, &c., must be under 8 ounces each in weight. Heavier articles will be charged ordinary rates.

4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c., may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

5. Addresses must be complete. That is to say, on such covers as are not addressed to heads of houses the addressee's residence or place of business must be added. Incompletely addressed covers will be returned to the sender for address.

6. It must be understood that the above-mentioned classes of correspondence will invariably be delivered at places of business unless special arrangement be made for delivery at private houses. Such arrangements can only be made subject to the General work of the Post Office.

Fees for Public Vehicles.

Chairs. IN VICTORIA WITH TWO BEARERS. \$ c. Half hour, 0.10 Three hours, 0.50 One hour, 0.20 Six hours, 0.70 Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.), 1.00 If the trip be extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

BEYOND VICTORIA, WITH FOUR BEARERS. Hour, 0.60 Six hours, 1.50 Three hours, 1.00 Day (6 to 6), 2.00 (With single driver).

Quarter hour, 0.05 Hour, 0.15 Half hour, 0.10 Day (6 to 6), 0.10

Notes.—Victoria extends from Mount Davis to Causeway Bay and up to the level of Robinson Road. If the vehicle is discharged beyond these limits, half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey. Extra bearers or drivers and extra hours to be paid proportionately.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven sections, each denoted by a letter, and those in the body of the

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked a, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf. 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office. 5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Polder's Wharf. 6. From Polder's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 7. From Naval Yard to Plover Buildings. 8. From Plover Buildings to First Point. 9. From First Point to North Point. 10. Kowloon Wharves. 11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Agent.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Alvina	3	Samuelson	Ger.	str.	400	Jan. 21	Wiel & Co.	Hollow, &c.
Agard	4	Holmann	Ger.	str.	1310	Jan. 21	Wiel & Co.	Calcutta, &c.
Arragon	3	Olufsen	Brit.	str.	1292	Jan. 21	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Abdeen Dock
Carsthouse	3	Cass	Brit.	str.	973	Jan. 21	Morris & Ray	
Caterham	5	Darke	Brit.	str.	1406	Jan. 21	Russell & Co.	
Clara	2	Christensen	Ger.	str.	671	Jan. 21	21 Schenck & Co.	
Deutscher	3	Christensen	Ger.	str.	107	Jan. 21	21 Schenck & Co.	
D. rumbert	3	Houthoff	Dutch	str.	1104	Jan. 21	7. J. Schellhaus & Co.	Batavia, &c.
Diamante	4	Taylor	Brit.	str.	514	Jan. 21	19 Russell & Co.	To-morrow
Fokien	5	Lewis	Brit.	str.	609	Jan. 21	10 Douglas Steamship Co.	To-morrow
Gauche	5	Pearce	Brit.	str.	429	Jan. 21	10 Douglas Steamship Co.	San Francisco
General Worder	10	Schulze-main	Ger.	str.	120	Jan. 21	18 Schellhaus & Co.	Kobe
Gloria	5	Wester	Brit.	str.	1411	Jan. 21	20 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Onat Ports
Hakata	1	Ashton	Brit.	str.	1182	Jan. 21	19 Douglas Steamship Co.	To-morrow
Hokkaido Maru	8	Will	Japan.	str.	466	Jan. 21	21 Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Yokohama & Higo
Kasagar	2	Glad	Brit.	str.	1553	Jan. 21	16 P. & O. S. N. Co.	25th inst.
Melita	2	Mick	Ger.	str.	339	Jan. 21	9 Winer & Co.	Nagasaki
Melita	2	Mick	Ger.	str.	1454	Jan. 21	18 T. Kusan Colliery Agency	Nagasaki
Metopodia	8	Blower	Brit.	str.	850	Jan. 21	20 Yuen Fat Hong	Yokohama
Mongkut	5	Hogg	Brit.	str.	1714	Jan. 21	21 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Amoy & Manila
Moyune	5	Hogg	Brit.	str.	808	Jan. 21	21 Messageries Maritimes	Amoy & Manila
Natal	5	Wyatt	Brit.	str.	2711	Jan. 21	20 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Amoy & Manila
Panama	5	Wyatt	Brit.	str.	1211	Jan. 21	20 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Amoy & Manila
Pha Chula Chom Klao	5	Donnan	Brit.	str.	5711	Jan. 21	20 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Amoy & Manila
Pilot Fish	5	Donnan	Brit.	str.	1211	Jan. 21	20 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Amoy & Manila
Taiwan	3	Verdin	Brit.	str.	1419	Jan. 21	18 Butterfield & Swire	Canton Dock
Tanai	3	Williams	Brit.	str.	919	Jan. 21	20 Butterfield & Swire	Canton Dock
Wyvern	3	Brotherton	Brit.	str.	1107	Jan. 21	20 Butterfield & Swire	Canton Dock
Yangtze	2	Tenningsen	Ger.	str.	514	Jan. 21	21 Siemens & Co.	Canton Dock

Name.	Reg.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Alacrity	despatch vessel	1730	4	3180	Com. R. Blair Macdonald	Hongkong
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	479	Lieut. Com. Edward Maxwell	Newchwang
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	2380	14	2680	Capt. L. C. Kerpel	Yokohama
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	2380	10	2420	Captain Henry H. Boys	Yokohama
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	363	3	360	Lieut. Com. Reginald Y. Smith	Amoy
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	479	Lieut. Com. Denison	On a cruise
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	1420	3	1130	Captain Chas. J. Balfour	Shanghai
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	8400	10	11600	Captain William H. May	Hongkong
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	4900	10	5600	Captain M. J. Donker	Hongkong
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	766	5	1410	Commander W. Morrick	Hongkong
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	1130	4	420	Lieut. Com. W. M. Martin	Hongkong
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	1130	10	1120	Commander J. H. Martin	Shanghai
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	877	—	—	Captain C. F. Vereker	Hongkong
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	4670	4	4040	Captain E. J. Carr	Singapore
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	1730	6	3500	Commander R. W. White	Hongkong
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	436	3	400	Commander W. W. Moore	Hongkong
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	716	6	1500	Lieut. Com. W. Mait. Douglas	Hongkong
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	1074	12	2440	Captain W. C. Karslake	Singapore
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	1420	8	1400	Captain T. F. W. Nesham	Hongkong
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	150	—	—	Com. Richard Bingham	Sandakan
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	70	5	1010	Com. Richard Bingham	In reserve
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	99	—	—	Com. Richard Bingham	In reserve
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	99	—	—	Com. Richard Bingham	In reserve
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	5167	14	—	Com. Richard Bingham	In reserve
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	925	4	750	Com. Richard Bingham	In reserve
Alacrity	gunboat 2nd class	2750	4	1450	Com. Richard Bingham	In reserve

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon, K.C.B., V.O., Commander-in-Chief.

H. B. M. Ships' tonnage, displacements and effective horse powers are given according to H. M. Navy List.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Cortella	crusier 3rd class	2580	10	2420	Captain Henry H. Boys	Yokohama
Ask	g-b. 3rd class coast defence	3663	3	320	in reserve	Amoy
Repor	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	470		On a cruise
Firebrand	crusier 2nd class	453	4	460	Captain Chas. J. Balfour	Shanghai
Horander	crusier 3rd class	1420	3	1130	Captain William H. May	Hongkong
Laurians*	twinscrew battle ship	9400	10	11,600	Captain M. J. Donlop	Hongkong
Leoline	crusier 2nd class	4300	10	5640	Commander W. Borchgrevink	Hongkong
Linhai	gun-vease 2nd class	756	5	1416	Lieut. Com. W. M. Matuwin	Hongkong
Merlin	gunboat 2nd class	436	4	430	Commander J. H. Martin	Shanghai
Mutine	aloop	1180	10	1320	Captain C. P. Vereker	Hongkong
Myrcingship	{ twin-screw battle ship } 2nd class armoured	577	—	—		Singapore
Orion	crusier	4570	4	4040	Commander W. White	Hongkong
Porpoise	gun-vease 1st class	1730	6	3510	Commander M. U. Moore	Hongkong
Rambler	surviving vessel	230	3	410	Lieut. Com. W. Matl. Dougal	Singapore
Rattler	crusier 3rd class	715	6	1500	Lieut. Com. W. K. Karelse	Singapore
Sapphir	crusier 3rd class	1974	12	2400	Captain T. P. W. Nesham	Yokohama
Satellite	crusier 3rd class	1420	8	1400		Sardakan
Sepp	torpedo machine launch	100	—	—		In reserve
Swift	gun-vease 2d class	766	5	1010	Cen. Richard Bingham	In reserve
2	Torpedo Boat No. 35	90	—	—		In reserve
24	Torpedo Boat No. 36	90	—	—		In reserve
ry	g-b. 3rd class coast defence	5187	13	—	Commander Maxwell, A.D.C.	Hongkong
	receiving ship	925	4	750	Commander Geo. A. Giffard	Singapore
	aloop	2760	4	1450		Hongkong